

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A passenger car, having an unlocking handle arranged in a vehicle interior for opening operation of a lock of a closing element of a vehicle interior space, said unlocking handle having a luminous construction,

wherein the unlocking handle has a basic body coupled with the lock and a luminous body which is mounted on the basic body by way of a dovetail guide, is made of a luminous material, and is secured in a desired position on the basic body by a detent connection.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) A passenger car, having an unlocking handle arranged in a vehicle interior for opening operation of a lock of a closing element of a vehicle interior space, said unlocking handle having a luminous construction,

wherein the unlocking handle has a basic body coupled with the lock and a luminous body which is mounted thereon and is made of a luminous material,

wherein the luminous body is fitted onto the basic body by a dovetail guide, and

wherein the luminous body is secured on the basic body by means of a detent connection.

5. (Previously presented) A passenger car according to Claim 1,  
wherein the luminous body consists of a luminescent crystal mixture  
which is mixed with a transparent plastic material and/or is embedded therein.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) A passenger car according to Claim 4,  
wherein the luminous body consists of a luminescent crystal mixture  
which is mixed with a transparent plastic material and/or is embedded therein.

9. (Previously presented) A passenger car according to Claim 1,  
wherein illuminating devices are provided which permit an illumination of  
the luminous body, a control of the vehicle switching on these illuminating  
devices together with an interior illumination and/or a control panel  
illumination.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) A passenger car according to Claim 5,  
wherein illuminating devices are provided which permit an illumination of the luminous body, a control of the vehicle switching on these illuminating devices together with an interior illumination and/or a control panel illumination.

13. (Previously presented) A passenger car according to Claim 1,  
wherein the unlocking handle is arranged in the trunk of the vehicle and is used for unlocking a lock of a rear trunk lid.

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A passenger car according to Claim 5,  
wherein the unlocking handle is arranged in the trunk of the vehicle and is used for unlocking a lock of a rear trunk lid.

17. (Previously presented) A passenger car according to Claim 9,  
wherein the unlocking handle is arranged in the trunk of the vehicle and is used for unlocking a lock of a rear trunk lid.

18. (Currently amended) Unlocking handle for a vehicle arranged in a vehicle interior for opening operation of a lock of a closing element, comprising a basic body coupled with the lock, and a luminous body which is mounted on the

basic body by way of a dovetail guide, is made of a luminous material, and is secured by a detent connection in a ~~designed~~ desired position on the basic body.

19. (Currently amended) An unlocking handle operable in use to facilitate manual unlocking of a vehicle interior space cover, comprising:

a basic body formed of non-luminous material, which basic body in use is coupled with a lock for the cover, and

a luminous body made of luminous material, mounted by way of a dovetail guide on the basic body, and secured by a detent connection in a desired position on the basic body.

20-21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) An unlocking handle according to Claim 19,

wherein the luminous body consists of a luminescent crystal mixture which is mixed with a transparent plastic material and/or is embedded therein.

23. (Previously presented) An unlocking handle operable in use to facilitate manual unlocking of a vehicle interior space cover, comprising:

a basic body formed of non-luminous material, which basic body in use is coupled with a lock for the cover, and

a luminous body made of luminous material and mounted on the basic body,

wherein the luminous body is fitted onto the basic body by a dovetail guide, and

wherein the luminous body is secured on the basic body by means of a detent connection.

24. (Original) An unlocking handle according to Claim 23,

wherein the luminous body consists of a luminescent crystal mixture which is mixed with a transparent plastic material and/or is embedded therein.

25. (Currently amended) A method of making an unlocking handle operable in use to facilitate a manual unlocking of a vehicle interior space cover, said method comprising:

forming a basic handle body of non-luminous material and having structural strength for facilitating transfer of manual forces moving said basic body to unlock the space cover,

mounting a luminous body made of luminous material on the basic body by way of a dovetail guide, and

connecting the luminous body made of luminous material to the basic body by way of a detent connection so as to secure the luminous body in a desired position on the basic body.

26-28. (Canceled)

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29. (Original) A passenger vehicle interior trunk lock handle made by the process of claim 25.